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and Kestutis J. Tautvydas

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POLYURETHANE
COMPOSITIONS AND
METHOD OF USE

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Examiner: B. Badio

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Restriction requirement dated August 15, 2001 having a reply due date of September 15, 2001.

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner averred that claims 1-45 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising the embodiment of examples 1-12 found on pages 32-46 of the present application. The Examiner did not identify individual groups of species for claims 1-45 subject to the Restriction.

The Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, polyurethanes terminated in monol vinylic compounds which are additionally polymerized with antimicrobial vinylic monomers. The noted species is represented by examples 1, 4, 7, 8 and 9 and claims 1, 17 and 18.

Applicant respectfully traverses the election of species requirement. Applicant avers that the Patent Office has not met its burden of proving the restriction of the species is proper. M.P.E.P. § 803 requires that the two conditions

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be met for a proper requirement for restriction between patentably distinct inventions. First, the inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed. Second, there must also be serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required (see M.P.E.P. §803.02; §806.04 (a)-(j); §808.01 (a); and §808.02). M.P.E.P. §803 also requires that the Examiner provide reasons to support the conclusion that the restriction of the various species is proper. With regard to the species specified for any of the restricted invention groups, the Office Action fails to provide any such reasons or examples to support the restriction requirements of various species. Such reasons, and examples are hereby requested for each species that the Examiner believes should be restricted for the present invention. It is submitted that without such reasons and examples, the restriction of the various species cannot be proper.

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Thank you,

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